

FEVER AND RASH?

CONSIDER MEASLES

An outbreak of measles is occurring in Virginia. Measles is highly contagious.

MEASLES SYMPTOMS



Suspect measles in patients with:

- Fever and generalized rash

Ask About:



- Travel in past 3 weeks
- Vaccine history
- Exposure to measles cases

Prodrome:



- Fever
- Cough
- Coryza
- Conjunctivitis



Exanthem:



- Red, maculopapular rash that may become confluent
- Classically, rash begins on face before spreading to trunk and extremities
- Koplik's spots may be present

IF YOU SUSPECT MEASLES

- **IMMEDIATELY** institute airborne isolation precautions.
- **IMMEDIATELY** call the local health department to arrange testing. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation to report.
- **DO NOT** routinely send suspect cases to the Emergency Department unless they require hospitalization.
- **NOTIFY** other facilities before referral.
- **DO NOT** use any regular exam room for at least **2 hours** after a suspected measles patient has left the room.

Call your local health department or 866-531-3068 for consultation.